

MINUTES

Club Meeting

Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Lindstrom City Hall, 13292 Sylvan Ave



Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome new Club Members

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge recited. All members introduced themselves.

Attendance

There were 23 members that attended the meeting.

Shelley Lindau	Byron Griffin
Dennis Kammerer	Pam Griffin
Lorraine Swenson	Steve Adolfson
Sandy Hulke	Mindy Gage
Craig Anderson	Pat Ongstad
Patti Anderson	Rochelle Hernandez
Dana Helm	Freddie
Bruce Meehan	Chris Dubose
Lori Meehan	Miranda Olson
Rob Lindeman	Jessie Buhler
Christ Lerfald	Chris Schneider
Marlys Dunne	

Approve Club Meeting Minutes for August 8, 2024

Patti made motion, Dana seconded, to approve minutes for the August 8, 2024, meeting. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Update - Marlys D.

There was approximately \$1,044 in the Adopt a Grandparent account, and the current balance of the GNC account was \$6,236, which did not include the \$500 scholarship that had yet to be paid out. There were a few small donations received recently and approximately \$480 in apparel expenses. Chris S. spoke briefly about the Board's discussion on maintaining a minimum balance and perhaps upping the scholarship and/or adding more scholarships.

Membership – Rochelle and Jeri

Rochelle introduced herself as a new member on the Membership Committee along with Jerri. They organized a social hour this coming Thursday at the Gallery, and she asked that people RSVP. She asked members to think of future things to do that don't cost money, and she had a basket and notepad for people to put their ideas down. Chris added that the Club does have some dollars, and Dennis suggested barbecuing some nights after meetings or events.

Coffee Pot Sales Committee - Pattie A.

Pattie had \$600 cash for Marlys from sales, including a \$100 donation. There was another \$50 from the Chisago Ki Chi event. The Chamber also had \$120 for the Club. There were about 83 pots to sell. Miranda said the City had raised about \$3,000 to go toward the steam initiative. Lindstrom Mayor Judy Chartrand had applied for a grant from the Chisago Lakes Area Community Foundation for the steam project and received a \$1,000 grant. Judy also had provided the donation boxes located at some businesses and had not yet collected the money. There was discussion on whether the GNC was donating all its profits to the steam initiative, and Miranda responded that the intention of the program was to let nonprofits make some money. It was decided that the Club would wait to see if the initiative's goal was met to decide what to do with the Club's earnings.

Adopt a Highway Cleanup – October 13

Marlys has safety vests, and Dennis picked up garbage bags. Bruce will try to get some grabbers. Chris S. talked about grilling afterwards but noted it will be 54 degrees and windy. The plan was to meet on Stacy Trail at 10 a.m.

Social Hour – October 17

The Membership Committee has scheduled a social hour at Chisago Lakes Grill beginning at 6 p.m. Dana pointed out there is a calendar on GroupMe that has all the events listed that have a GroupMe signup.

Age Well Expo – October 18

Marlys has the materials to hand out to attendees. The event is from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Chisago Lakes High School. She asked that volunteers be there by 8 a.m. to set up.

Parmly Chapel Painting - October 19 & 20

Dennis, Marlys, and Chris S. inspected the chapel room last week and determined it will likely be a full day prep and maybe plan on two coats of paint. The pictures will need to be removed from the walls. The walls will need dusted, and hopefully not washed but perhaps wiped. The windows and trim will need to be taped. Starting time on Saturday will be a 9 a.m. There is Church service in the Chapel at 10 on Sunday, so the plan was to start at noon. The Knights of Columbus will be assisting. Eight to ten volunteers should be able to get it done in one day. There were five GNC members signed up and three Knights. There was discussion on beginning prep on Friday night to move all stuff out of the chapel and cover the floor. Marlys will contact the Knights of Columbus.

Zion Church Community Dinner - October 21

There are 14 volunteers signed up. They served almost 300 people last time. Volunteers were reminded to bring a pan of deserts. Volunteers should wear their GNC shirt, hats, and have a button on at a minimum. Volunteers should be there by 3:30 p.m.

Trick or Treat on Main Street – October 25

It is hoped that it will not be as cold as it was last year. There are still some glow sticks to hand out and the GNC will purchase some candy. The canopy will be set up, and Chris S. will set up the animatronics, as in the past. The event is from 4-6 p.m. Six volunteers are signed up and should be there at 3 p.m.

Holiday Sales Booth – December 7

The event will take place at the Lindstrom Community Center and will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Set up is at 7:30 a.m. there will be two shifts, and at least two people will be needed on each. Miranda confirmed the GNC will be the only vendor selling the coffee pots. The tree lighting will be at 4:30 p.m.

Holiday Mugs – December 15

Holiday Mug making will be at the Chisago Township Hall. There needs to be a lot of people for that. Shelley will take the lead on the planning committee. There is still a \$100 gift certificate the GNC received from Family Pathways to purchase mug supplies.

Holiday Caroling

Rusty will take the lead on this. He will pick the dates and send out the information.

Fall Tea Party at Parmly TBD

Christa had been trying to organize a tea party but said it didn't work out because many of those living in the independent living had moved out. She will wait until it fills back up.

Door Prize

Christa gave the door prize to Rob L. who had the winning number on the signup sheet.

Mitten Tree

Lori M. organized this in the past at the Loon and will organize it again. The tree will be there during the month of December. New hats, mittens, and scarfs were needs. There was a need last year for waterproof mittens for the kids instead of knitted ones.

Volunteer Opportunities

-Trinity Lutheran Church was looking for volunteers to work the Outerwear Fair on Oct 10-12.

-Camp Ojiketa was looking for volunteers for the Halloween Ojiketa haunt on October 18-19 and 25-26.

-Trinity Lutheran Church was looking for volunteers to help with the hosting of families on December 1-7 by providing transportation, meals, or activities for kids in the evenings. Lori will lead a rock painting activity.

-Game Days at Parmly every Wednesday at 1 p.m., or your own schedule can be made with the resident.

Miscellaneous Discussion Items

-Chris D. inquired if the CNC was interested in doing the food drive during the Lindstrom Tree Lighting on December 7 for the Rotary. In the past, signs would be put in the neighborhoods ahead of time, then an anonymous Santa would collect. Due to all the events the Club is involved with in the next few months, there was no commitment to assist in the food drive.

-New members Pam and Byron live on Minnesota Ave (off Lincoln Road) and decorate their home during the holiday season. They have a lot of visitors and accept cash and food donations for the food shelf.

- Long sleeves and light jackets were now available to order from the website.

-Chris provided a quick update on Sojna K., wife of Mike K. from the Forest Lake Good Samaritan Club, who was recently in a car accident. She is back home but still needing some surgery.

-Marly had ATV raffle tickets. The Club is partnering with the Rotary, Wild River Snowmobile Club, Kids Pro, and the Chisago Lakes Chamber.

-Marly had t-shirts for volunteers who worked the Du Tri and did not get one.

-There was a write up in the Chisago Press on the GNC reenactment of the Shafer Days Robbery. The Sheriff was so inspired, he has already secured 1923 "duds" to wear.

Next Meetings

Board Meeting November 14, 2024

Club Meeting December 12, 2024

Adjournment

Miranda made motion, Craig seconded, to adjourn at 7:09 p.m.



Minutes prepared and submitted by Secretary Shelley Lindau

Chisago Lakes Good Neighbors club, through its resources and diverse membership, contributes to the needs and wellbeing of our communities through acts of kindness."